



Citizen Monitoring Coordinators' Summit

September 29, 2016,
Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife Field Headquarters
1 Rabbit Hill Road Westborough, MA 01581

9:30am

Registration/check-in

Setting the Stage

10:00am **MassBays in Context: EPA's National Estuary Program**

Margherita Pryor, EPA Region 1

10:15am **Introduction to the Bays, and MassBays**

Pam DiBona, MassBays

10:30am **MassBays' Monitoring Framework**

Prassede Vella, Mass Bays

10:50am **Summit Agenda & Goals**

Pam DiBona, MassBays

Panel Presentations

11:00am **Re-imagining the Quality Assurance Project Plan**

The value of QAPPs for project design

Nora Conlon, EPA Region 1

Importance of QAPPs for data reliability

Kim Groff, MA Department of Environmental Protection

The value of QAPPs in the real world

Jo Ann Muramoto, Association to Preserve Cape Cod

11:30am **Q & A, Discussion**

Margherita Pryor, EPA Region 1 (moderator)

12:00pm **A test case: Boston Harbor Habitat Atlas 2.0**

Carole McCauley, Northeastern University Marine Science Center

A new tool for documenting and displaying environmental research and monitoring...
feedback requested!

12:15pm

Lunch

Panel Presentations

- 1:15pm **Data Management - From Collection to Dissemination**
Tools for data management
Rob Stevenson, UMass Boston
- Making sense of the data - statistical analysis
Rachel Jakuba, Coalition for Buzzards Bay
- Sharing results with stakeholders and decisionmakers
Andy Hrycyna, Mystic River Watershed Association
- 1:45pm Q&A, Discussion *Dan Codiga, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority*

2:15-2:45pm

Break

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

A. Securing resources for your monitoring program - equipment, sample analysis, and volunteers

Facilitator: *Barbara Warren, Salem Sound Coastwatch*
Resources: *Diane Switzer, EPA Region 1*
 Dan Codiga, Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
 Peter Phippen, Merrimack Valley Planning Commission

B. Partnering to collect quality data - working with researchers, academia, industry, and government

Facilitator: *Carole McCauley, Northeastern University Marine Science Center*
Resources: *Harlan Doliner, Marine and Ocean Technology Network*
 Aimee Bonanno, New England Ocean Science Education Collaborative
 Jarrett Byrnes, UMass Boston
 Kim Groff, MA Department of Environmental Protection

C. Sharing data – opportunities for collaboration

Facilitator: *Sara Grady, North and South Rivers Watershed Association*
Resources: *Rob Vincent, MIT Sea Grant*
 Rachel Jakuba, Coalition for Buzzards Bay
 Municipal resource manager
 Brad Chase, MA Division of Marine Fisheries
 Cristina Kennedy, Office of Coastal Zone Management

Closing and Next Steps

- 3:30pm **You're hiring – leave us a job description!**
Next steps and opportunities

4:00pm

Adjourn